

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND  
APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LASER WELDING METAL SHEETS

the specification of which

(Check one) ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
 Application Serial No \_\_\_\_\_  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, §§1.56 and 1.63(d).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications

Priority  
Claimed

2308/98  
 (Number)

Switzerland  
 (Country)

November 18, 1998  
 (Month/Day/Year Filed)

XX  
 Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §§1.56 and 1.63(d) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application(s):

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(Application Serial No.)

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(Filing date)

(Status) (Patented,  
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APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE

The above-identified attorneys, also known as McCORMICK, PAULDING & HUBER, whose postal address is CityPlace II, 185 Asylum Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103-4102, United States of America, are hereby designated applicant's representative upon whom notices or process in proceedings affecting the patent may be served. Said firm shall take instructions from my foreign patent agents in all matters affecting this application and the patent.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by

fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Table 1. Demographic characteristics of the study population	
Age (years)	65.0 ± 1.5
Gender	
Male	45.0
Female	55.0
Education (years)	12.0 ± 1.0
Occupation	
Retired	40.0
Unemployed	20.0
Employed	40.0
Marital status	
Married	60.0
Single	40.0
Divorced	0.0
Widowed	0.0
Health status	
Good	60.0
Fair	40.0
Poor	0.0
Smoking status	
Smoker	20.0
Non-smoker	80.0
Alcohol consumption	
Drinker	10.0
Non-drinker	90.0
Comorbidities	
Hypertension	30.0
Diabetes	10.0
Coronary artery disease	5.0
Chronic kidney disease	2.0
Chronic liver disease	1.0
Chronic respiratory disease	3.0
Chronic pain	15.0
Chronic mental health	5.0
Chronic medication use	20.0
Chronic hospitalization	10.0
Chronic disability	5.0
Chronic social isolation	10.0
Chronic financial stress	15.0
Chronic housing instability	5.0
Chronic food insecurity	10.0
Chronic transportation barriers	5.0
Chronic digital divide	10.0
Chronic language barriers	5.0
Chronic cultural differences	10.0
Chronic religious beliefs	5.0
Chronic family structure	10.0
Chronic community support	5.0
Chronic social capital	10.0
Chronic civic engagement	5.0
Chronic political participation	10.0
Chronic environmental awareness	5.0
Chronic sustainability practices	10.0
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Chronic waste management interest	5.0
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